WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1.   A schedule managing apparatus for managing schedules, comprising:

    a schedule classifying unit which classifies an inputted schedule into any type on the basis of its information; and

    a schedule adjusting unit which adjusts the schedules on the basis of each schedule type in the case where said inputted schedule overlaps with an existing schedule with respect to the time.

2.   An apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said schedule classifying unit classifies the inputted schedule into any type of a term type schedule in which designated date/time is set to a term of an operation or a period type schedule in which a designated certain period is assured for the operation.

3.   An apparatus according to claim 2, wherein said schedule classifying unit classifies the inputted schedule into any type of said term type schedule or said period type schedule on the basis of items regarding date/time, place, and contents included in the inputted new schedule or the like.

4.   An apparatus according to claim 2, wherein said schedule classifying unit classifies the inputted

schedule into any type of said term type schedule or said period type schedule on the basis of schedule information including an item regarding date/time, an item regarding a place, an item regarding persons

5   concerned, an item regarding the contents, an item regarding priority, and an item such as a schedule adjustment or the like regarding a system which are inputted to a ToDo list.

10   5.   An apparatus according to claim 2, wherein in the case where the inputted new schedule and the existing schedule are the term type schedules and terms of both of said schedules overlap, said schedule adjusting unit assembles the new schedule as it is without adjusting

15   both of said schedules.

6.   An apparatus according to claim 2, wherein in the case where the inputted new schedule and the existing schedule are the period type schedules and periods of

20   both of said schedules overlap, said schedule adjusting unit adjusts the schedules so as to leave the schedule of high priority.

7.   An apparatus according to claim 6, wherein in the

25   case where priority of the inputted new schedule and that of the existing schedule are the same, said schedule adjusting unit leaves the schedule selected in

accordance with a preset condition.

8. An apparatus according to claim 7, wherein as a condition in the case where the priority is the same, said schedule adjusting unit sets a user's selection, a selection of the existing schedule, or a selection of the new schedule.

9. An apparatus according to claim 2, wherein in the case where one of the inputted new schedule and the existing schedule is a period type schedule and the other is the term type schedule, if priority of the term type schedule is high, said schedule adjusting unit adjusts the schedules so as to move the term type schedule to a period start position of the period type schedule.

10. An apparatus according to claim 9, wherein when the priority of the term type schedule is low, said schedule adjusting unit adjusts the schedules so as to move the term type schedule to a period end position of the period type schedule.

11. An apparatus according to claim 9, further comprising a schedule history managing unit which stores the schedule deleted by the adjustment of said schedule adjusting unit and a position before the

adjustment of the schedule moved due to the adjustment,

and wherein when the existing schedule is deleted,
said schedule adjusting unit refers to a history stored
by said schedule history managing unit and performs a

5   recovery of the schedule deleted due to the schedule
adjustment or a return of the schedule to an initial
position moved due to the schedule adjustment.

12.   A schedule managing method of managing schedules,
10   comprising the steps of:

classifying an inputted schedule into any type on
the basis of its information; and

adjusting the schedules on the basis of each
schedule type in the case where said inputted schedule
15   overlaps with an existing schedule with respect to the
time.

13.   A method according to claim 12, wherein the
inputted schedule is classified into any type of a term
20   type schedule in which designated date/time is set to a
term of an operation or a period type schedule in which
a designated certain period is assured for the
operation.

25   14.   A method according to claim 13, wherein the
inputted schedule is classified into any type of said
term type schedule or said period type schedule on the

basis of items regarding date/time, place, and contents
included in the inputted new schedule or the like.

15.   A method according to claim 13, wherein the
inputted schedule is classified into any type of said
term type schedule or said period type schedule on the
basis of schedule information including an item
regarding date/time, an item regarding a place, an item
regarding persons concerned, an item regarding the
contents, an item regarding priority, and an item such
as a schedule adjustment or the like regarding a system
which are inputted to a ToDo list.

16.   A method according to claim 13, wherein in the
case where the inputted new schedule and the existing
schedule are the term type schedules and terms of both
of said schedules overlap, the new schedule is
assembled as it is without adjusting both of said
schedules.

17.   A method according to claim 13, wherein in the
case where the inputted new schedule and the existing
schedule are the period type schedules and periods of
both of said schedules overlap, the schedules is
adjusted so as to leave the schedule of high priority.

18.   A method according to claim 17, wherein in the

case where priority of the inputted new schedule and
that of the existing schedule are the same, the
schedule selected in accordance with a preset condition
is left.

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19. A method according to claim 18, wherein as a
condition in the case where the priority is the same, a
user's selection, a selection of the existing schedule,
or a selection of the new schedule is set.

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20. A method according to claim 13, wherein in the
case where one of the inputted new schedule and the
existing schedule is a period type schedule and the
other is the term type schedule, if priority of the

15 term type schedule is high, the schedules are adjusted
so as to move the term type schedule to a period start
position of the period type schedule.

21. A method according to claim 20, wherein when the

20 priority of the term type schedule is low, the
schedules are adjusted so as to move the term type
schedule to a period end position of the period type
schedule.

25 22. A method according to claim 20, further comprising
the steps of:
storing the schedule deleted by the adjustment of

said schedules and a position before the adjustment of

the schedule moved due to the adjustment of the

schedules,

and when the existing schedule is deleted,

5   referring to a stored history and performing a recovery

of the schedule deleted due to the schedule adjustment

or a return of the schedule to an initial position

moved due to the schedule adjustment.

10   23.   A computer-readable recording medium in which a

schedule managing program for managing schedules has

been stored, wherein said schedule managing program

comprises the steps of:

classifying an inputted schedule into any type on

15   the basis of its information; and

adjusting the schedules on the basis of each

schedule type in the case where said inputted schedule

overlaps with an existing schedule with respect to the

time.